

# U Maryland Clean Marinas NDERWAY



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## Clean Marina Awards Ceremony Recap



The recipients of Governor's Citations at the 8th annual Clean Marina Award Ceremony. Far right, front row, L-R Delegate Joan Cadden, DNR Secretary Ron Franks, and MTAM President Jay Dayton.

August 10th, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), along with the Marine Trades Association of Maryland, hosted the eighth annual Clean Marina Awards Ceremony. The event was held at the Atlantic Marina Resort in Pasadena, overlooking the mouth of the Patapsco River.

Five Clean Marinas and two Clean Marina Partners (much smaller facilities with minimal services) were recognized for earning their designation within the past year. All recipients were presented with special Governor's Citations, acknowledging their commitment to protecting Maryland's natural resources. Department of Natural Resources' Secretary Ron Franks presented the Citations to the Clean Marina operators on behalf of Governor Ehrlich.

The Citations read: *Be it Known: That on behalf of the citizens of this State in recognition of: your outstanding efforts to protect Maryland's waterways from pollution; in honor of your leadership and commitment to clean water; with sincere gratitude for your participation in the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative; and as a salute in recognition of your demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation.*

Following the presentation of the Citations and remarks by both Secretary Franks and Marine Trades Association of Maryland President, Jay Dayton, the participants enjoyed lunch and a tour of the Atlantic Marina Resort. The tour highlighted improvements the marina made to become certified such as, covering the oil and battery recycling area, repainting the collection tanks, and Bay friendly landscaping.

While recognition of seven new Clean Marinas and Partners is noteworthy, it represents a decline in the usual rate of certifications. A likely cause for the decline is that, due to changes at the federal level, the Clean Marina Program did not have grant funding for marinas in the past year. As a condition of accepting grant funds in the past, marinas and boatyards agreed to become certified by the end of their project period, which significantly increased the number of certifications. Past grants were used to fund pollution prevention projects such as vacuum sanders or riparian buffer plantings.

There are many other benefits to certification as a Clean Marina. DNR promotes Clean Marinas in regional boating magazines, and certain boating directories denote Clean Marinas in their listings. Additionally, DNR promotes Clean Marinas on its website ([www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating)) and at regional boat shows and special events. Upon certification, Clean Marinas receive permission to use the Clean Marina logo in their advertising, and receive a flag and a large sign to display on site.

Clean Marinas also often find improved relationships with neighbors, inspectors, insurers, and lenders as a result of their certification. For these reasons, as well as the desire to protect the waterways upon which the recreational boating industry depends, marinas and boatyards are encouraged to pursue the Clean Marina Award. For more information contact the Clean Marina Program office at 410-260-8773 or [dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us) and visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating). ❄

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## Waste Gasoline Disposal

One of the most common problems that boaters and marinas face is the proper disposal of waste gasoline. While a commercial entity, like a marina or boatyard, must pay a licensed hazardous waste hauler to remove waste gas, in most Maryland counties an individual boater (i.e., resident), can take his or her own waste gas to a “household hazardous waste collection day,” free of charge.

Marina and boatyard operators are strongly advised to promote the availability of the county collection days to their customers. Informing customers can prevent the unwanted accumulation of waste gas that might otherwise be disposed of free. Collection dates and accepted materials vary by county, so boaters should contact their county government for details.



A complete list of county contacts for hazardous waste collection days can be found on line at: [http://www.mde.state.md.us/researchcenter/factsheets/landfactsheets/haz\\_collect.asp](http://www.mde.state.md.us/researchcenter/factsheets/landfactsheets/haz_collect.asp). Marinas and boatyards can promote the availability of collection days in their area by printing the information and posting it prominently, or including it in newsletters or websites. 🌐

## Boat U.S. Foundation’s “Help Stop the Drops” Program



The Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is asking boaters and marina operators for help in preventing the drips and drops that can accidentally escape from boats and fuel pump nozzles during refueling. “Help Stop the Drops”, a nationwide clean fueling program, includes online educational information on smart refueling tips, clean refueling products, free fuel dock signage, and much more.

“Small fuel spills may not seem like much when they occur, but over time they can add up and impact the marine environment,” said Susan Shingledecker, Environmental Program Manager for the BoatU.S. Foundation. “By partnering with marina fuel docks, we hope to encourage boaters and dock staff to take some simple steps to help keep fuel out of the water.”

The Foundation kicked off their efforts by partnering with over 600 fuel docks nationwide to provide free Clean Fueling education kits containing a fuel vent overflow collection device that boaters can use while filling up, educational materials outlining best fueling practices, and fuel dock signage. The kits were sent to fuel docks at Boat U.S. Cooperating Marinas across the country as well as marinas in California, Oregon, Washington and the Chesapeake Bay. Boaters may be able to identify these participating marinas by the “Help Stop The Drops” signage at the pump.

The Foundation hopes to use these marinas to test the program’s effectiveness, so it is asking boaters who frequent these locations to borrow the “No-Spill” fuel tank vent collection device when they fill up, and give feedback to the marina operator on how they feel about the program.

To complement the fuel dock signage and clean fueling kits, the Boat U.S. Foundation has developed a new clean fueling web site, <http://www.helpstopthedrops.com>, that provides comprehensive information for both boaters and fuel dock staff. The site contains information on fueling tips, clean fueling products, and how to respond to a spill. Also available at the web site are a series of free educational brochures. Marina operators can get a free clean fueling product guide, Don’t Let Fuel Spills Foul Your Bottom Line. Kids can participate in the program with a free activity sheet. Boaters can also send comments directly to the Foundation by taking the online fueling survey on the web site.

For more information about the “Help Stop the Drops” program, contact Ted Sensenbrenner at [TSensenbrenner@BoatUS.com](mailto:TSensenbrenner@BoatUS.com) or 410-897-0920. 🌐



# A New Maryland Clean Marina Partner!

In July, 2006 the members of the Spesutie Island Boating Association completed certification as the 21st Maryland Clean Marina Partner. Combined with 93 certified Clean Marinas, this brings the total number of certified facilities in Maryland to 114.

The Spesutie Island Boating Association is located on the Aberdeen Proving Grounds base, and is available to staff assigned there. The facility offers moorings, a boat ramp, and small floating docks for temporary use in the summer. Members also have access to a small club house for gatherings, as well as a parking and maintenance area for trailered boats.

To earn the Clean Marina Partner designation, the association clarified rules regarding waste disposal and recycling and conducted a major clean up day of the maintenance area. Congratulations to Spesutie Island Boating Association! 🌟



Dean Hansen (left), Commodore of Spesutie Island Boating Association, accepts a Governor's Citation from DNR Secretary Ron Franks.

## 93 Certified Clean Marinas, Boatyards and Yacht Clubs!

ADVANCED MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
ANCHORAGE MARINA, BALTIMORE  
ANCHOR BAY EAST MARINA, DUNDALK  
ATLANTIC MARINA RESORT, PASADENA  
BAHIA MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB, ESSEX  
BAY BOAT WORKS, NORTH EAST  
BAY BRIDGE MARINA, STEVENSVILLE  
BAY RIDGE CIVIC ASSN. MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
BERT JABIN'S BOAT YARD, ANNAPOLIS  
BODKIN YACHT CLUB, PASADENA  
BOWLEY'S MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
CAMPBELL'S BACHELOR POINT, OXFORD  
CAMPBELL'S TOWN CREEK MARINA, OXFORD  
CASA RIO MARINA, MAYO  
CASTLE HARBOR MARINA, CHESTER  
CHALK POINT MARINE, WEST RIVER  
CHESAPEAKE HARBOR MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
CHESAPEAKE YACHTING CENTER, ESSEX  
COLTONS POINT MARINA, COLTONS POINT  
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, RIDGE  
CUTTER MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX  
DUFFY CREEK MARINA, GEORGETOWN  
DUNDEE CREEK MARINA, KINGSVILLE  
EASTPORT YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS  
FAIRVIEW MARINA, PASADENA  
FERRY POINT MARINA & YACHT YARD, ARNOLD  
FISHING CREEK LANDINGS MARINA, CHES. BEACH  
FLAG HARBOR YACHT HAVEN, ST. LEONARD  
FORT WASHINGTON MARINA, FORT WASHINGTON  
GATEWAY MARINA, TRAPPE  
GRATITUDE MARINA, ROCK HALL  
HARBOR VIEW MARINA, BALTIMORE  
HARTGE'S YACHT YARD, GALESVILLE  
HAVEN HARBOR MARINA, ROCK HALL  
HERRINGTON HARBOR NORTH, TRACYS LANDING  
HERRINGTON HARBOR SOUTH, FRIENDSHIP  
HINCKLEY YACHT SERVICES, OXFORD  
KENT ISLAND YACHT CLUB, CHESTER

KNAPPS NARROWS MARINA, TILGHMAN IS.  
LIPPINCOTT MARINE, GRASONVILLE  
LITTLE ISLAND MARINA, EDGEWATER  
LOCUST POINT MARINA, ELKTON  
LONG POINT MARINA, EARLVILLE  
MAGOTHY MARINA, SEVERNA PARK  
MARYLAND MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
MARYLAND YACHT CLUB, PASADENA  
MEARS GREAT OAK LANDING, CHESTERTOWN  
MEARS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
MEARS POINT MARINA, GRASONVILLE  
MEARS YACHT HAVEN, OXFORD  
MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB, ST. MICHAELS  
OAK GROVE MARINE CENTER, EDGEWATER  
OAK HARBOR MARINA, PASADENA  
OCEAN CITY FISHING CENTER, O.C.  
OCEAN PINES MARINA, BERLIN  
OSPREY POINT MARINA, ROCK HALL  
PARKSIDE MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
PINEY NARROWS YACHT HAVEN, CHESTER  
POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK, SNOW HILL  
POINT LOOKOUT MARINA, RIDGE  
POINT PATIENCE MARINA, SOLOMONS  
PORT ANNAPOLIS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
PORTER'S SENECA MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
RHODE RIVER MARINA, EDGEWATER  
ROCKHOLD CREEK MARINA, DEALE  
SAEFFERN SADDLE & YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS  
THE SAILING EMPORIUM, ROCK HALL  
SANDY POINT STATE PARK, ANNAPOLIS  
SELBY BAY YACHT BASIN, EDGEWATER  
SHELTER COVE MARINA, NORTH EAST  
SHIPWRIGHT HARBOR, DEALE  
SKIPJACK COVE, GEORGETOWN  
SKIPJACK LANDING, CHESTER  
SOLOMONS YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS  
SOMERS COVE MARINA, CRISFIELD  
SPRING COVE MARINA, SOLOMONS  
SPRING COVE MARINA, ROCK HALL

ST. MICHAELS MARINA, ST. MICHAELS  
SUNSET MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
SWEDEN POINT MARINA, MARBURY  
TAYLOR'S MARINA, ELKTON  
TIDEWATER MARINA, HAVRE DE GRACE  
TOWN POINT MARINA, TRACY'S LANDING  
VENTNOR MARINE, PASADENA  
WASHBURN'S BOATYARD, SOLOMONS  
WEAVER'S MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX  
WEST SHORE YACHT CENTER/ECKHARDT'S MARINE, ESSEX  
WHARF AT HANDY'S POINT, WORTON  
WHITEHALL YACHT YARD, ANNAPOLIS  
WORTON CREEK MARINA, CHESTERTOWN  
YOUNG'S BOAT YARD, EDMERE  
ZAHNISER'S YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS

## 21 Clean Marina Partners

ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, BERLIN  
CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM, ST. MICHAELS  
CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK, THURMONT  
DEEP CREEK LAKE REC. AREA, SWANTON  
FT.FREDERICK STATE PARK, BIG POOL  
GREENBRIER STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, BOONSBORO  
GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST, CUMBERLAND  
HARBOR VIEW YACHT CLUB, LEONARDTOWN  
HERRINGTON MANOR STATE PARK, OAKLAND  
JANES ISLAND STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, CRISFIELD  
JENNINGS-RANDOLPH LAKE BOAT RAMP, OAKLAND  
MARTINAK STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE  
NEW GERMANY STATE PARK, GRANTSVILLE  
QUEENSTOWN HARBOR COMM. PIER, QUEENSTOWN  
ROCKY GAP STATE PARK, FLINTSTONE  
ROGUES HARBOR/ELK NECK STATE PARK,NORTHEAST  
SPESUTIE IS. BOATING ASSN., ABERDEEN P.G.  
SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK, HAVRE DE GRACE  
TUCKAHOE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE  
TWIN HARBORS COMMUNITY PIER, ARNOLD





## Grants Available for Alternative Fuels!



Starting September 14th, 2006 the Maryland Energy Administration will launch a new Biofuels Infrastructure Grant Program. The program will supply matching funds for commercial infrastructure projects supporting ethanol and bio-diesel.

Marinas will be eligible and are encouraged to participate. Offering bio-diesel is a voluntary way for the marine industry to show support for an alternative fuel.

Information and applications are available (after September 14, 2006) at [www.energy.state.md.us](http://www.energy.state.md.us) or by contacting Lauren Robbins at 410-260-7542 or [lrobbins@energy.state.md.us](mailto:lrobbins@energy.state.md.us). ☼

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